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THE
Constables Hue and Cry

After

Whores & Bawds, &c.

With a Pleasant Discription of their Habits, Complexions, Nature, and qualifications, Intrigues, and projects, as also a List of some of the Chief of their Names, and usual Places of Rendezvouz in about the Citty of London.

With an account of the great reward, that is offered to any that shall take and apprehend them.

To which is added,

A Satyr against Bawds in general, by by way of Caution, to all Young Persons, to avoid such obnoxious and bewitching Companions, with other remarkable Particulars.

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Constable's Hue and Cry, &c.

BEfore I break open the Constables Hue and Cry, I have orders first to unfould the nature thereof, that you may with the more ease, understand, what sort of Cattel you are to Enquireafter; for let me tell you, the bare name of the Beast is not sufficient, by reason of the great numbers that go under one Denomination; there being Whores of all sorts and Sizes, therefore I'll only give some Livly (tho brief touches) upon the Edges of this publick Edict, and Leave you (tho not in the Dark) to find out the rest; well knowing it may be perform'd withour a pare of Spectacles or much Difficulty; Whors Flesh being more plentiful than Swines Flesh; and far more esteem'd of, Especially by Jews and Scotch Men, nay and if I had put English Men in too, it would not have been amiss now Pork's out of Season. But to proceed then, and keep you no longer in suspence
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the following Hue and Cry relates to *Whores, Bawds, Pimps and Bullies, &c.* in order to ferret them out of their Lurking Holes, they being lately obfuscated from their usual places, for Fear of Informers Trapanners &c who are almost grown as numerous as themselves; but methinks I have an objection, which says, what need all this stir about Whores; *Sure a hue and Cry is all together impertinent, since they swarm in every little Nany House, and Consequently to be found easie enough without all this Bustle;* To which I answer that this Hue and Cry is not Design'd to procure a *Whore*; but to terrifie and amuse those that have lately Escaped the Lash of Justice; for tis well known to all, that the nature of a Hue and Cry is such that it affrightens; and striks terror, and not Courage, into such Criminal; and for that very reason is it published, and the rather because many *Bawds, Whores*, and such like vermine, have been lately seized in Diverse places in and about London; But many others, having sheer'd off with their Bundels of Iniquity, and gave some officers the Dog to hold, it is thought necessary by the unanimes Consent of *Morefields, Salisbury Court, Covent Garden*, and other offended Societies to Issue out this *Hue and Cry* following.

To all Informers, Thief Catchers, Trapanners &c, to whom these presents shall come Greeting.

Whereas upon a nice and Strict Inspection into the Bawdy premises, we find great abuse Injury

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and Violence has, been lately done the fore Man
of many welthy Shop keepers aboard, to the
great Discontent greif, vexation and disapoint-
ment of their Longing wives at home; the which
growing evil, if not timely prevented will to
their great and unspeakable sorrow, be of such
Disimal Consequence, as will unavoidably tend
to the utter ruine and Distruction of that please-
ant, Antient and Noble Trade of *Basket making*.
therefore upon the repeated Complaints of these
Injured and much to be pittied Gentlewomen;
and in Compassion of this their Intolerable griev-
ance; we have upon a Due Inquirey, with much
Cost and Dillegence Discovered the Authors of
these notorious abuses; but several of them being
fied from justice, we have though fitt, with the
advice of the (Publick not privy) Councel Learned
in the Laws of Cuckoldom, To will and require
you and every of you to make Delligent search
and Enquiry after those Whores and Bawds here-
after Expressed, viz. *Moll Carr*, late of *More Fields*,
Peg Pierce, of the same, *Doll King* of *Salisbury*
Court, marked on the left Cheek, *Sujmah Bess* her
Dependant, *Mrs. Eliz. Wenford* of *Covent Garden*,
Mary Green on *Saffron Hill*, *Nell Wagtail* in *New-*
toners Lane, *Bess Lanturn* late of *Rosmary Lane*,
Ann Williams, Mistres of a Fiership in *White Chap-*
pel, S. D. near *Tower Hill*, *Jane Shelly* *Kings*
street Westminster, *Anney Softbelly* and *Kate*
Wood, have more in *Wapping*; *Prudence Appeleby*
of *Redriff* (Cum Multis Alias) These or any of
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them, their Seconds, Thirds, Fourth or Fifth Rates; Smugglers, Tenders, or Fireships, Man'd or un-man'd, Rigg'd or not Rig'd, being either with or without Tackle; you on sight hereof are upon due information given; to take and Apprehend these Daughters of *Sodom*, that they may be prosecuted according to Law by the Plantives above mentioned, and for the better Executtion of these premises, and the further Encouragment of all informers Trappanners Theif Takers, &c. we do hereby promise, on the Credit and honour of Parish Reformers not only very good Labour for their pains, but over and above, as a true mark of our bounty for the carrying on of such a necessary work; we do order as a free gift and reward, the full and whole Cargo, be it more, or less, of what our great *Boar Catt* shall from time to time, During the space of 7 years, Leave in the Mault heap, and this Annuity we think fit to Confirm under our hands and seales at our head Office by Cuckolds Point June the 30th 1700.

What is mentioned of { John Falshort,
Whores and Bawds, the { William Wantool,
ame is to be understood { Ad m Lost-yard.
of Pimps Bullies Whoremasters, &c. for wherever
the Carrion lyes; the *Raven* to be sure will not
be far from it.

Who Whores like Carrion Stinks with sores and }
et Pimps & Bullies. Trailes them like a Fox, (pox }
to Bridewel Colledge, or to Grace the Stocks. }

Having given you a true Copy of the Constables Hue and Cry, I shall now instance the Character of a Bawd, that you may the better know her from a Black sheep, for by finding of her; Whores, Pimps and Bullies are Discovered in Course.

The Character of a Bawd &c.

She is a true Daughter of Eve for having undone herself, never leaves tempting others till they are drawn to the same Destruction, But this must needs say for her, she seldom puts a Commodity into any Customers hand, but what has been try'd before: she is a wonderful preserver of Maiden heads, for tho she Lends them out, to every new Comer, she never let's them be lost; And tho never so many get it, yet none carries it away, but she still has it ready for the next Customer; Her Teeth are all fallen out, at which her Nose and Chin are so much concern'd, that they they inted to meet about it in a little time, to make up the Differance, and tis thought she has been formerly a pretender to Musick in regard she Loves Prick Song, she has great skill in Trebles tho of he self a perfect Base; But Hang her, she's very Charitable, for she Entertains all comers and not only finds them Beds but Bed fellows too which convinces (let me tell you) are not to be found in every Houle. Besides she brings more Wicked Wretches to Repentance, than any Ordinary of Newgate could yet pretend to; yet she

has very little Conscience, for she makes nothing
 of Selling one Commodity to 20 Customers; and
 tho they are thus Cheated, she never fears loosing
 their custome. And if she happens to break, as
 very often it so falls out, she is quickly set up again;
 for three strong water Bottles, Two Ounces of To-
 acco, & a Couple of brisk Countrey Wenches, will
 make up her Breaches at any time. The enterance
 into her House, quite Contradicts the Scripture;
 for it is very streight and narrow, yet it is the
 very high Road to Distruction. She Loves Turn-
 ps, and Commends those above all the roots in
 the Garden: Many has Bought her Flesh by the
 stone, and some by whole sale at the price of
 Damnation: In short, he that has pass'd under
 her, has been beyond the Equinoctial, and he that
 escapes her, has Escap'd the Factor of Hell, and a
 Rock on which thousands have been Ship wrack't
 to their utter Ruine and Distruction. I shall
 conclude the Character of this Bawdy piece of
 rumperry with these few Lines following

*Bawd is the Chief Instrument of Evil,
 the Spawn of sin, and Factor for the Devil;
 whose Sly Temptations, has undone more Souls
 than there are Stars, between the Worlds two
 she ruins Families, to advance her Treasure,
 and Jucks her Profit, out of others Pleasure;
 pleasures attended with so black a stain,
 that do at last end in Eternal Pain,
 her ways so various, and so hard to Tell,
 as which she doth betray poor Souls to Hell,
 smooth is her Tongue, and Subtile are her ways,
 led by false pleasure to swift ruin Lay*

*The Bane of Vertue, and the Bawd to vice,
 Pander to Hell, is this she Cockatrice:
 She's like the Devil, seeking every hour,
 Whom she may first Decoy, and then Devour.
 Let every thinking Mortal, than beware,
 Least he be caught, in her Damn'd cunning Snare:
 For she'll betray, her fury is so fell,
 Your Body to the Pox, and Soul to Hell.
 To heap up Gold, which she so much adores;
 She makes Men Atheists, and young Women Whores.*

And not only the young ones of both sexes are thus Hurried on to their Ruin and Destruction, but, what is much to be Lamented, as well as wondred at, Masters of Families who have wives, and Children to Maintaine, being Deluded by those vermine, they spend their whole substance on them; while their poor Wives and Children are reduced to a Morfel of Bread, and themselves, when all is profusely wasted and spent on these wicked and Beastly Women; they immediately become the Subject of their scorn and Diriffion; and too late, they Curs the Day wherein they harkend to Whores and Bawds Intuacion.

This do the Bawds drive on their Trade of sin;
 By whom unthinking Fools are soon drawn in:
 Her Feet are snares, infectious is her Breath,
 The Pox her Punishment, her end is Death:
 And he that spend his wealth on Bawdes and Whores,
 Destroys his Wife, turn's Children out of Doors:
 The Bawd's the setter and the shameless Whore,
 Sucks Man so dry, she quickly makes him poor,
 First of his witt, then of his Wealth Bereaves him,
 And having got all from him, then she leaves him,
 Then let all Mankind hate this Loathsom Jade,
 Since ruine and Destruction is her Trade.



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